

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION

ALEXANDRA LOZANO IMMIGRATION  
LAW, PLLC,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

JUAN PABLO DIAZ CUENCA and  
MENESES LAW, PLLC

*Defendants.*

Civil Action No. 4:24-cv-2190

**DEFENDANTS' JOINT NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendants Meneses Law, PLLC (“Meneses Law”) and Juan Pablo Diaz Cuenca (“Cuenca”) (collectively “Defendants”), jointly submit this Notice of Removal to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1367, 1441 and 1446.

**I.**

**Background and Relevant Procedural History**

1. Plaintiff Alexandra Lozano Immigration Law, PLLC (“ALIL” or “Plaintiff”) filed its Original Petition on May 29, 2024, in the 269th Judicial District of Harris County, Texas, in a case styled *Alexandra Lozano Immigration Law, PLLC v. Juan Pablo Diaz Cuenca and Meneses Law, PLLC*, Case No. 2024-33882 (the “State Court Action”). Exs. A-1, 2.
2. Meneses Law was served with Plaintiff’s Original Petition in the State Court Action on June 3, 2024. Ex. A-3.
3. This Notice of Removal is timely filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).

## **II. Venue**

4. Venue is proper in this court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1441(a) and 1446(a), as the State Court Action was pending in the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, before removal.

## **III. Basis for Removal**

5. This is a civil action over which the Court has federal question jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 in that Plaintiffs have expressly asserted a claim arising under the Defend Trade Secrets Act (18 U.S.C. § 1836, *et seq.*). Defendants are, therefore, permitted to remove this action under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).

6. To the extent Plaintiff has asserted causes of action that arise under state law, this Court has supplemental jurisdiction over such claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1337(a) at least because those claims are related to the claims in the action within such original jurisdiction that they form part of the same case or controversy. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1337(a); *see also Grable & Sons Metal Products, Inc. v. Darue Engineering & Manufacturing*, 125 S. Ct. 2363 (2005). In this case, the crux of Plaintiff's allegations are that Defendants misappropriated its trade secrets.

7. In any event, however, in cases involving removable and non-removable claims, "the entire action may be removed if the action would be removable without the inclusion of the [non-removable] claim..." 28 U.S.C. § 1441(c).

8. All Defendants jointly file this Notice of Removal and all Defendants consent to the removal of this action. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b); Ex. A-6.

## **IV. OTHER MATTERS**

9. Copies of all pleadings, orders, process, and other filings in the State Court Action are attached to this notice. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a), 1447(b), and Local Rule 81.

10. Defendants will promptly file a copy of this notice and attachments in the 269<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Harris County, Texas. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

11. By this Notice of Removal, Defendants do not waive any objections they may have as to service, jurisdiction, or venue, or any other defenses or objections they may have to this action and specifically reserves any and all objections, exceptions, or defenses to the First Amended Petition and/or this action.

Dated: June 7, 2024,

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 7th day of June 2024, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served on the following counsel of record via the ECF system:

*/s/ Jason S. McManis*  
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